

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael J. Duffy et al.

Serial No.: 10/602,437

Filed: June 24, 2003

For: COLD FORMED LATCH WIRE

Attorney Docket No.: TPL 0132 PUS



Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: Eric B. Compton

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Form PTO/SB08A are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner. This Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)4.

While this Statement is being filed in compliance with the duty of disclosure, citation of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that any of the references are "material" as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper, including all enclosures referred to herein, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage pre-paid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

May 20, 2005
Date of Deposit

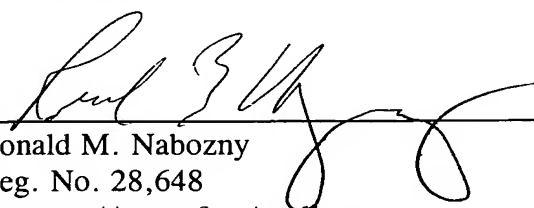
Ronald M. Nabozny
Name of Person Signing

Signature

No copies of the listed U.S. patent references or the listed U.S. patent application publication references have been included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). A Search Report citing foreign references accompanies copies of those references. Consideration and entry into the record of the listed references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Duffy et al.

By: 
Ronald M. Nabozny
Reg. No. 28,648
Attorney/Agent for Applicant

Date: May 20, 2005

BROOKS KUSHMAN P.C.
1000 Town Center, 22nd Floor
Southfield, MI 48075-1238
Phone: 248-358-4400
Fax: 248-358-3351

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO			Complete if Known		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	10/602,437	
			Filing Date	June 24, 2003	
			First Named Inventor	Michael J. Duffy et al.	
			Group Art Unit	3726	
			Examiner Name	Eric B. Compton	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	TPL 0132 PUS

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENT		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
		2002/0011505A1		Cole et al.	01-31-2002	
		6,554,357 B2		Moffa	04-29-2003	
		6,499,786 B2		Takahashi	12-31-2002	
		6,481,800 B2		Duncan	11-19-2002	
		6,354,648 B1		Allan et al.	03-12-2002	
		6,234,572 B1		Shiino et al.	05-22-2001	
		6,155,618		Ichinose	12-05-2000	
		6,108,894		Mizuki et al.	08-29-2000	
		6,000,737		Yiu	12-14-1999	
		5,941,600		Mar et al.	08-24-1999	
		5,729,951		Frohlich	03-24-1998	
		5,215,342		Yuge et al.	06-01-1993	
		4,981,313		Makamura	01-01-1991	
		4,896,908		Kleefeldt	01-30-1990	
		3,912,315		Yamananaka	10-14-1975	
		3,705,738		Yoshimura	12-12-1972	
		2,583,806		Batzle	01-29-1952	
		1,690,408		Hasenflue	11-06-1928	
		1,647,992		Hartman	11-08-1927	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		AU	43390/79		Girlock Limited	05-26-1983		
		EP	0 694 436 A1		Lear Seating	01-31-1996		
		EP	1 197 378 A1		Daihatsu Motor	04-17-2002		
		EP	1 336 530 A2		DaimlerChrysler	02-10-2003		
		WO	03/070510 A1		Summo Steel Corp.	08-28-2003		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
---------------------------	--	------------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.